BY MESSRS. G. PARAMASIVIAH (Bangalore City Urban), B. M. MUNISAMAPPA (Bangalore Taluk) and B. VENKATAPPA (Devanhalli Taluk).—

Q.—5. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) The amount said to have been written off from the Revenue Accounts of the Forest Department in each of the last three years.

(2) The details relating to the said amounts.

(3) The reasons why they were written off.

GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—5. (1) and (2) A statement furnishing the information is placed on the table. (Appendix B.)

(3) The major portion of the write off relates to the dues of (1) tangadi bark contractors during the period 1919-21 and (2) purchasers of timber during 1920-23. The first was due to depression in the tangadi bark trade and the second to slump in the timber trade. In all cases the dues written off were irrecoverable.

BY MR. V. VENKATAPPA (Chennapatna Taluk).—

Q.—6. (1) Are the Government aware of the article published in the *Vokkaligara Patrika* of the 6th October 1926 against the Head Master of the Kannada Middle School, Chennapatna?

(2) Have enquiries been held in the matter? If so, with what result? If no enquiry is yet held, what is the reason therefor?

(3) Is it a fact that the District Inspector of Education who went for enquiry in connection with the case got the said Head Master to credit Rs. 100 to the treasury? If so, to what item does this relate?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—6. (1) Government have now perused the article referred to.

(2) and (3) The matter is being enquired into.